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SUBJ: PAKISTANI REPROCESSING PURCHASE

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1. ON INSTRUCTION OF SHAH, ACTING FONMIN ZELLI CALLED ME TO HIS OFFICE EVENING JULY 19 TO INFORM ME OF SHAH'S CONVERSATION WITH AGHA SHAHI ON JULY 18 CONCERNING PAKISTAN ACQUISITION OF RE-PROCESSING PLANT FROM FRANCE. ZELLI SAID THAT SHAH HAD MADE PRESENTATION ALONG LINES ANTICIPATED REF A AND HAD RECEIVED REPLY WHICH SOUNDED LIKE A VERBATIM REPETITION OF PAPER READ TO AMB HUMMEL AND REPORTED REF B.

2. ZELLI SAID SHAH WAS DISAPPOINTED BY THIS REACTION BUT WOULD CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS TO CONVINCE MILITARY COUNCIL TO "DRAG ITS FEET". HE SAID NEW IRANIAN AMB TO PAKISTAN HAD LEFT FOR HIS POST MORNING JULY 19 AND HAD "CERTAIN INSTRUCTIONS" TO RAISE MATTER AGAIN AT TIME HE PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS. (IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS MEANT HE WOULD RAISE IT WITH THE PRES OR WITH GEN ZIA.)

3. SINCE ZELLI HAS JUST RETURNED FROM HIS PREVIOUS POST

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AS AMB TO PAKISTAN, I ASKED FOR HIS PERSONAL ASSESSMENT OF PAK POSITION. HE REPLIED THAT ISSUE HAD BECOM MATTER OF NATIONAL PRIDE AND HE DOUBTED PAKS WOULD BAK OFF UNDER PUBLIC PRESSURE. APPLICATION OF SYMINGTON AMENDMENT WOULD BE SEEN AS FORM OF PUBLIC PRESSURE.

4. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION, ZELLI SAID IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION

THAT AGHA SHAHI WAS GOING ONLY TO KUWAIT BEFORE RETURNING TO ISLAMABAD. HE UNDERSTOOD THERE WERE NO PLANS FOR HIM TO VISIT PARIS ON THIS TRIP.

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE SHAH STRUCK OUT THIS TIME, IT SEEMS APPARENT THAT, BECAUSE OF IRANIAN NATIONAL INTERESTS, HE WILL CONTINUE TO TRY TO DISSUADE PAKS FROM ACQUIRING REPROCESSING CAPABILITY. WHAT IS LESS CLEAR IS WHETHER HE WILL BE PREPARED TO USE HIS AID PROGRAM LEVERAGE TO BRING PRESSURE ON PAKS.

6. IN REF A, I REPORTED SHAH'S ELLIPTICAL REFERENCE TO DESIRABILITY DEPLOYING SAUDI ARABIAN INFLUENCE ON THIS SUBJECT. I WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF ANY ACTION WHICH DEPT DECIDES TO TAKE ALONG THAT LINE.
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